

CHANGING TRANSIT LAW SOUGHT BY CITY

De Ford Objects to Manner in
in Which Property Is to Be
Taken Over.

APPEALS TO GOVERNOR

Says the Commission Now Is
'Delivered Into Hands
of the Roads.'

William A. De Ford, special assistant corporation counsel on transit matters, in a letter to Gov. Miller yesterday practically asked him to secure an amendment to that section of the transit law providing the way in which the city may take over the property of the transit lines. He was careful not to make the request in so many words, because the city has not yet formally conceded the constitutionality of the law, although the Court of Appeals has upheld it.

Mr. De Ford requested to be heard before the Governor in support of his position, which was expressed some time ago in a letter to Corporation Counsel John P. O'Brien.

"I think I can convince you, sir, if given the opportunity to do so," wrote Mr. De Ford, "that the effect of the transit law, as it stands, is to deliver the commission, as negotiators for the city, into the hands of the owners of the roads; that the effect of Section 49 of the law is to defeat the beneficial purposes of the transit law as you described them in your several messages and public statements urging its passage."

"I know you have the power (as a matter of fact rather than as matter of law) to procure the amendment of the 'transit' Act by the amendment of the Section 49 in conformity with the suggestions contained in my letter to the Corporation Counsel. I assume that you will procure that amendment (by the force of your influence as Governor and as leader of the majority party in the Legislature), if you are convinced of its propriety; that it to say, if you are convinced of the soundness of my construction of the law and of my opinion as to its effect upon the status and strength of the commission in negotiating for the purchase of any or all of the existing street railroads within the city."

Assuming that the Transit Commission will go right along ironing out the transit problem, regardless of what the city may do, Mr. De Ford expressed the opinion that Section 49 will "seriously cripple the commission in its negotiations with the owners of the street railroads of the city for their purchase." He continued:

"The effect of the Transit law, stated in ultimate terms, is to authorize the commission to negotiate with the owners of the roads proposed to be acquired in language running like this:

"We know that none of you need accept the readjustment plan we propose unless all of its terms are acceptable to you; that you need not sell your roads to us if you do not like the prices we offer. We notify you now, however, that if you do not accept the plan we propose, if you do not accept the purchase price we offer, we are under statutory obligation to grant you permission to charge a compensatory rate of fare, even though it be higher than the rate to which you are limited by the terms of your franchise or contracts with the city; and thus, in any event, increase the earning capacity and restore the value of your properties."

He would welcome, Mr. De Ford said, having the Transit Commission, "whether in person or by counsel," heard at the hearing "in support of or in opposition to my views."

In conclusion Mr. De Ford told the Governor the city's survey of the Transit Commission's plan had been begun before the Court of Appeals decision and "is being continued without prejudice to the city's contention that the statute under which the Transit Commission is working is unconstitutional."

Hearings by the Transit Commission will be resumed to-morrow at 1:30 o'clock, with the report of the bureau of valuation of that body. This report in testimony form contains valuations of street railway properties in this city made since the commission was organized.

One of the first acts of the commission was to appoint the bureau of valuation, John H. Madden is chairman and Frederick W. Lindars, chief accountant to the commission, is another member.

HIRSHFIELD HAS URGE TO REFORM THE PRESS

Not Interested in What Appears on Front Page.

Observations of David Hirschfield, Commissioner of Accounts, as made public by him yesterday follow:

"I am not interested in the circulation of newspapers. I'm only interested in reforming the press to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. I want them to play less partisan politics and give more news."

"Aren't you interested in the front page?" one of his visitors asked.

"Now, now," he said, blushing, "don't ask me such questions."

Commissioner Hirschfield said he had been informed by the manager of a Brooklyn community newspaper that the man pretending to represent the Commissioner of Accounts had asked to audit the circulation books of the paper.

"I want to warn all the newspapers," said the Commissioner, "I am not seeking any information about circulation."

POLICE IN UNIFORM TO USHER IN GARDEN

Break Rule for Their Own Association Benefit.

Madison Square Garden has been astonishing New York with its variety of entertainments and unexpected excitements for forty-three years, but had reserved one surprise until the night of February 27, one week from to-morrow night—policemen in uniform as ushers.

Now policemen in uniform do not usher for everybody. Their services in that function are extremely difficult to obtain. As a matter of fact the only set of people and organization they would consent to usher for are themselves, the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

One week from to-morrow night the association will give an entertainment and reception in the Garden, and under an order issued yesterday by Commissioner Enright 115 uniformed policemen, representing all the precincts, squad, divisions and bureaus in the department, will act as ushers. The Commissioner directed the Police Band and the Police Glee Club to appear at the reception.

All tickets have been sold and the expectation is that the Garden will be jammed to the last possible square inch of capacity. Members of the Legislature, of the Board of Estimate and the Board of Aldermen and other officials, Federal, State and city, will attend. Dancing will follow the entertainment.



The Cape-Completed

Tweed Suit \$59.50

It's the cape-suit that is destined to leadership this Spring. This three-quarter cape encircles a straight sleeveless frock. The tweed mixture is an unusual combination of raspberry and cream with raspberry bindings, belt and fringe.

Coat-suits developed of imported tweeds, excellent value at \$59.50. Other tweed suits, \$35 to \$125

THIRD FLOOR

Fur Neckwear

Returns to Its Own

At this season every woman feels the need of a smart fur scarf. She will find here variety and moderate prices that are sure to delight her.

Animal scarves in kit fox or wolf, \$22.50

Fox animal scarves, taupe and brown shades, \$29.50

Stone marten, blended Jap marten, mink and black or pointed fox scarves, \$34.50

Blended baum marten or blended sable scarves, \$55

All our fur coats and wraps now marked at clearance prices.

FOURTH FLOOR

A Good Corset

for the Heavy Figure

It is white silk broche of a heavy quality that will give good service. The elastic inserts in front of the top and the unusual reinforcements over the hips make it particularly well suited to the full and heavy figure. It is daintily finished with satin and lace. Sizes 24 to 32.

SECOND FLOOR

Final Reduction

Women's Shoes

\$7.85

Such a great variety! And all have been reduced from much higher prices. There are 1,200 pairs in all, including many different styles and leathers. Strap pumps with low or high heels, Oxfords and high shoes in light colors.

700 Pairs Reduced
to \$3.95

This small number of shoes have been radically reduced for a rapid clearance. Not all sizes in every style but all sizes in the lot.

No C. O. D.'s No Returns



SECOND FLOOR

There will be a representative of the Internal Revenue Department
here daily from February 20 to March 15—Seventh Floor

Lord & Taylor

FIFTH AVENUE



The Advancing Season Emphasizes

Over-Blouses

\$9.75

This happily designed blouse welcomes as many suits as the spring Season will bring. It gains its color and design from inserts of Georgette crepe in the cuffs and collar and is fashioned of crepe de Chine, carmine, grey, navy, French blue and bisque, \$9.75

THIRD FLOOR

Morning Frocks

At \$3.95—Checked gingham with collar and bands of colored organdie.

At \$4.75—White organdie vestee, sash and bands lend a fresh touch to these checked gingham frocks.

At \$5.95—Collar, cuffs and vestee of these block gingham frocks are made of white dimity.

At \$6.95—Fine plaiting edges the collar, cuffs and sash of these checked gingham frocks.

At \$7.95—Navy or black batiste dotted with white. Collar, cuffs and vestee of embroidered organdie.

SECOND FLOOR

Beautiful Imported

Embroideries

Ecu and white—flouncings made of organdie and batiste. 42 inches wide. \$3.50 to \$9.95 yard.

Bulgarian colors, on such charming organdie flouncings. 42 inches wide. \$4.95 to \$12.50 yard. 4 to 8 inches wide. 75c to \$5.95 yard.

Chinese Embroideries, on net and organdie foundations, 1 to 6 inches wide, \$1.95 to \$7.95 yard.

GROUND FLOOR



WONDROUS ARE THE FABRICS, LACES AND RIBBONS OF SPRING

New French Voiles Are Lovely

Each day they appear adding a wealth of color and beauty to our Cotton Goods Department.

Most effective color combinations are executed with characteristic skill in applique and embroidered designs, while those equally lovely are woven with infinite dexterity.

To the variety of color and designs there is practically no end.

You will be delighted with the selection and will find a visit well worth your while. \$2.25 to \$8.50 yard.

SECOND FLOOR



The Match Set

Brings a Flaming
Message from France

Flamingo and sulphur—a daring and glorious color scheme—particularly when it is developed in softest silk and finished with dozens of little match sticks. And such is the hat sketched above, with its scarf to match. This is an individual model.

Clever Paris

This is just one sign of the originality she is displaying this season. There are dozens of other Paris models in our Millinery Department. Each proves in a way of its own that Paris is bent upon giving us novelty this Spring.

Brilliant and Sombre

These are the tones running from periwinkle, flamingo, hyacinth, dent de lion, the French blues, to sober browns and greys. Prices are most moderate, \$16.50 to \$30

FOURTH FLOOR

The Store will be closed all day Wednesday, February 22



Palm Beach Vogues

—The Cross-Striped Sweater

This sweater is one of the smartest things in the Southern wardrobe this season. Its bateau neckline, braided girdle, but most of all its horizontal stripes, claim the glory. Of mohair shetland in various combinations of white, French blue, lavender, reindeer, jade and corn, \$8.95

—and the Fringed Skirt

When such a sweater combines with a fringed tweed skirt a smart costume is the result. This skirt adds reasonableness to its other attractions. Jade, tan, henna, brown, French blue and rose, \$9.75

THIRD FLOOR

Fine Cotton Gloves

Reduced to \$1.75

They are such a soft lovely quality of cotton—duplex—that they seem almost like suede.

Elbow length, tan, grey, brown, chamois. Also strap wrist gauntlets in the same shades, and in white.

GROUND FLOOR

Tweed and Satin Block

Ribbons, \$1.95 Yard

Two-Toned Faille and Satin, \$1.65 yard. Exquisite in quality and color combinations. A value you seldom see. 9½ inches wide. Black Cre for girdles or hats, 8½ inches wide, \$1.10 yard.

French Faille—Very Special—A beautiful quality, heavy and firmly woven. Many lovely colors, 5¾ inches, 50c yard; 6½ inches, 75c yard; 9 inches, \$1.25 yard.

GROUND FLOOR



The Vogue of

Canton Crepe Frocks Continues

It may be termed a favorite fabric so adaptable is it to the accepted straight silhouette with its low waistline, beaded side panels, bell sleeves, shoulder yoke and last, but first in the consideration of the Paris dressmakers, the new oval neckline—the strongest rival of the bateau neckline. The design is accomplished by beading. In Paris's favorite shade, beige—also brown, navy and grey, \$65

SECOND FLOOR

Here are New

Breakfast Coats

Very soft and dainty and colorful they are with their lovely materials, unusual drapings and exquisite details.

Satin, taffeta, crepe de Chine and chiffon over crepe de Chine in two tone effects—these are the fabrics. Cream colored laces, ruchings and dainty pipings add the last effective touch, \$12.75, \$14.75, \$16.75, \$18.75 and \$21.50

New Silk Nightgowns

They are sleeveless models, tailored in effect or trimmed with filet lace. The material is radium silk in flesh and orchid shades, with self-plaid \$6.95 and \$8.75

SECOND FLOOR

Everything for Baby's Bath

You will find in our Infants' Department all the accessories of a baby's well-ordered bath.

Folding Rubber Bath Tubs, made of unusually pliable heavy rubber, with stopper to let out water, \$6.95

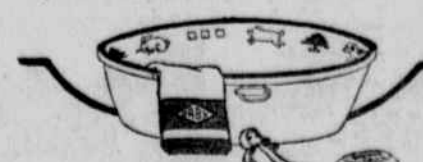
Folding Dressing Table, with canvas top. A convenient height, \$4.95

Knit wash cloths and towels, also Terry Wash Cloths, made up into cunning dolls and Terry bath towels marked "Baby."

Olive Oil Castile Soap, powder and floating thermometer complete the list of necessities.

An Amusing Bath Tub

One that will surely entertain baby, no matter how he feels about water! It is decorated with gay little animals all around the top! Very light, too, as it is made of white papier mache. Moderately priced, \$12



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